

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IMPLEMENT  
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Examiner : Jeffrey Gerben Hoekstra

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 11/14/2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment and Response.

Fees associated with this response are being paid electronically via EFS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may become due regarding this response to deposit account no. 10-0750/DEP5054/SJM.